

Please amend the following claim.

- 1 1. (Twice Amended) A magnetically journalled rotational arrangement
2 comprising a substantially disc-shaped or ring-shaped magnetically journalled rotor and a
3 stator which comprises means for the production of a field which produces a rotation of the
4 rotor, wherein the rotor has means which generate a unipolar bias magnetic flux which is
5 spatially modulated when viewed in the circumferential direction, wherein the means which
6 generate a unipolar bias magnetic flux comprise permanent magnets which are distributedly
7 arranged on the substantially disc-shaped or ring-shaped rotor.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-22 are pending.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 11-13, 16 and 22.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nichols and Lyman.

Claims 3, 5, and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nichols and Lyman, in further view of Shimamoto.

Claims 6 and 7 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nichols, Lyman and Shimamoto, in further view of Machino.

Claims 17-19 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nichols and Lyman, in further view of German Patent No. 945,183.

Claims 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nichols and Lyman, in further view of Schoeb.

These rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that according to the teaching of Nichols, the spatial modulation of the bias magnetic flux in the rotor, which bias flux is generated in the stator rather than in the rotor, is achieved by means of the geometric design of the stator having